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frontiers of the British dominions.

was merely a display of the military colon of the Bessarabia—"it became a personal army of the Comte," so that if the Comte de Chambord has resolved "to transport this flag on France to the exclusion of all others, then manifestly he puts himself historically in the wrong." If the white flag of the Comte de Chambord is the flag of a family, the waning crescent of the Ottomans has only been adopted as the symbol of a creed, since it was won by conquest from its original Christian owners. "The crescent was the special mark of Constantinople; it lasted there for centuries, as a local and thoroughly Christian emblem. The Turks found it there and adopted it."

**BARBARITIES OF THE DAKARANS.**—The barbarities of the Dakarans, and the brutal jealousies of their stupid subjects, and, for the sake of protecting rude home manufactures, proscribed the intelligent strazens, who would have helped them to replenish their exchequers. Earl Harold and Oscar de Lion were seized as lawful prizes when a merchant discovered them in the dominions of their enemies. But woeeking for centuries afterwards was recognized as the right of the Dakarans, and was exercised in most countries of Europe till times comparatively recent. Cases of it were frequent on the Welsh and Cornish coasts not so very long ago. It was only in 1681 that a Royal Ordinance reviewed the famous Roles of Oloron and imposed tremendous and exemplary penalties on the infractions seriously interfered with the progress of civilization in the West Indies. In 1800, since Baron Ungern Steinberg was transported to Siberia for pilfering a lost vessel on the Isle of Rhodus. As for aliens who ventured voluntarily into strange countries in place of being cast up on the beach, although they might not be murdered on land

ALL that can be said is that they knew what they had to expect. But when individual criminals emigrated in those days it was generally because they had to make a choice between the fire and the frying-pan. They had to pick the least evil, and escape from certain death, confiscation, or imprisonment.

**MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF THE  
ASHANTES.**

The Royal authority is maintained by a carefully organised system of espionage and the most relentless severity. The King is always the first to hear a word which signifies the King's soul. They are *put to death* when he dies, and are, consequently, extremely careful to watch over his safety. Should one of the *ira* die during the lifetime of the King, all his money and jewellery go to the monarch. Indeed most of the true people in the Comassie hold office of some sort, and owe their death to King, since their property is a public court is held every Friday. For the trial of offenders. If the testimony is deemed insufficient, the accused takes an oath that his evidence is true. If the accused persists in his innocence, he is forced to chew a piece of odium wood and afterwards to drink a pitcher of water. If he is sick in consequence, he is deemed innocent, and the

ally its effects expose, the accused is considered guilty, and suffers capital punishment. This seems barbarous to us, but we must remember that it is not so long since the trial by ordeal was abolished in England. The Ashantee code is, however, terribly severe. In the book under review a list is given of no different offenses which are occasionally punished with death; and we are told that the list is far from being complete. The offenses mentioned are of the most trivial kind. Thus, if you spit at the king or queen in Oussah, no egg must be allowed to fall and break in the streets; no drop of palm oil may be spilt in the streets. Murderers are put to death with the most horrible tortures.—From "Four years in Ashantee."

THE POET OF ANGLING.

But we have now to do with Wilson Merdoun as angler; and, to dwell first upon the practical side of angling, never was more consummate artist than he in choice of flies and ability to send thirty yards of silk and line across a flaring stream so that the line would land exactly where the trout's head bolder where lurks the salmon. His eager quest for sport, too, was unbounded; his appetite for fresh air, exercise, and wading, regardless of cramp or rheumatism, insatiable. No moorland with its thick crop of heather, no rugged mountain of granite, swathed in mist and dipping down to bogs which would swallow up your ferny, mossy boots, nor the clump of whoppers who grow round a bog pool hindered him. His mind was well stored with philosophy and poetry, and he was never weary of dilating on both with more of enthusiasm perhaps, than of sound critical judgment, but with a sufficiency of learning, a fund of humor, and a love of his own country to make him a delightful companion by loch or river. If Sir H. Davy be the philosopher of angling, Wilson is an indubitably its poet. Let him close his hand on the butt of the fly-rod, and what charming rhapsodies on nature, and what touching reminiscences of youth does he not pour forth! Who can forget those unrestrained child at the brookside vainly cooled pin and cotton line, through the boy catching his first trout, to manhood's struggles with a fiery-pound salmon;—his treacher-

wherein lies the true poetry of the craft.  
 Angling, he shows us, binds together every  
 age of human life with a chain of sym-  
 pathetic memories, when a man is once seated  
 on a fishing-bank: "As Wilson wanders  
 from foot to foot, here and there, a crisis  
 from 'Blindy Breake,' there a sea-rounder  
 from the 'Gully,' but ever attended by a  
 supreme love for nature, we are incessantly  
 reminded of a brother poet's picture of one  
 who

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Nothing is too precious for him to glorify  
 in. A man's secret life, his life, his  
 life, has been celebrated in long lists, by  
 Christopher North could wax poetic  
 over a fishing-rod?—No hazard or willow  
 village, no half-crown rod of ash framed by  
 a willow wright is now in his practised hands,  
 of which the very felt is dexterous; but a  
 and a glitter with the preserving varnish,  
 and the shimmering line itself, and  
 the loiter to its remotest tenacity as the elephant's  
 proboscis—the flicker and the hilt without a  
 chamber, knot, or flow—from butt to fly a fault-  
 less taper, by Joggins and Joggins, and  
 the head itself, the head itself, the skill  
 of a craftsman to the senses materialized.

"The vessel's men, hands of men, screams  
 of men, the vessel was quick and  
 death had laid his cold hand on the neck  
 of vigorous prize of anglers, the ruling passion  
 had exerted itself. Never was a more  
 pathetic picture drawn than that which his  
 angler's affection has painted in her 'Life  
 of Wilson.' He sat up in bed and called for  
 his fly-book, took out the shining lures, and  
 tenderly smoothed them, one by one, then  
 tenderly replacing them, laid himself down  
 to die. In that glimpse of a worthy work  
 of industry Scotland will ever cherish, Mrs.  
 Wilson reminds me of the attitude in which  
 the noblest of our countrymen, John Burns,  
 of Newell, waked society to remember him.  
 In his portrait at Brasenose College, he  
 stands leaning on his desk by the open Bible,  
 while rods, lines, and fishing tackle are scat-  
 tered beside him. What could better type  
 be graver and the lighter side of angling?  
 —*Fraser's Magazine.*

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Passels.	Captain.	Flag Rig.
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Albay	M. Thompson	Spain
Amazon	M. Chapman	France
Calabar	Haythorn	Brit. A.
Chancellor	Rynolds	Scot.
Dana	W. Wait	Brit. A.
Faze	W. Thomson	Brit.
Fezan	Victory	Brit.
Glenport	Thos. Edward	Brit.
Ighitey	B. Martin	Brit.
Kashan T.	Orry	Brit.
Kia-Kiang	Hanning	France
Little Orphan	Forrest	Brit.
Lye-moon	G. T. Westoby	Brit.
Namoa	Brace	Brit.
Nankin	J. Rendell	Brit.
Normandy	C. Cook	Brit.
Pawtuxet	K. W. Cowell	Amer.
Pongnia	A. Benjamin	Brit.
Potowt	W. Hida	Brit.
Reyembuco	G. T. Hopkins	Brit.
Reymundiauer	G. T. Hopkins	Brit.
Sir J. Jejeebhoy	W. Kontwell	Brit.
Yot-jai		Brit.
Yottang		Brit.

Alva	E. A. Souza	For.
Amiral Devoulix	P. Carrique	For.
Anna Bella	W. Stephen	Brit.
Annie Mariel	J. Sloane	Brit.
Ardestonny	F. Brown	Brit.
Argonaut	A. Cameron	Brit.
Arie Mineuro	Y. Gaurier	Frns.
Atma	John Watson	Brit.
Balgowanis	J. Brown	Brit.
Bee Pen	A. H. Miller	Siam.
Channel Queen	N. Lenfestay	Brit.
Obarrite	Herré	Frns.

Olars	W. Sampson	Brit.
Corinne	M. Gorman	Brit.
Diamond City	Schunscher	Siam.
Elizabeth Nicholson	J. Webster	Brit.
Ellen	d. Kinder	Brit.
England's Glory	W. Knight	Brit.
Ernest	D. J. Roberts	Brit.
Ernest	George	Frco.
Georgia	J. Roney	Brit.
G. T. Ray	P. Fraser	Brit.
Harvey	W. Duffield	Brit.
Japan	H. Walter	Ger.
Justitia	J. Hansen	Frco.
Leona	E. Dutch	Brit.
Livingstone	W. Maack	Brit.
Lydia	E. Young	Brit.
Mary Scott	A. Holmes	Brit.
Melrose	T. Pierce	Brit.
Midnight	G. Wallett	Brit.
Osceola	S. S. Sora	Siam.
Oussini	W. Osborn	Brit.
Pelham	G. Bimon	Brit.
Pligria	Frank Fowie	Amr.

Ricca Granova	Ormanini	Brit.
Rose	F. Duchene	French
Scharnhorst	B. Hüllmann	Ger.
Solont	John Meidram	Brit.
Somatra	Mullin	Amer.
Taffurette	L. Jean	French
Theodore Koerner	W. Schrenberg	Ger.
Weymouth	F. J. Hunt	Brit.
Young Siam	T. Benedictsen	Siam.
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H. M. S. SHIPS IN			
Name.	Rig.	Genre.	
Audacious	double m. frigate	14	8
Oburyddis	steam corvette	17	4
Onion	double m. gun vl.	3	1
Dwarf	double m. gun vl.	4	1
Egeria	double sloop	4	1
Kly	double m. gun vl.	4	1
Frolic	double m. gun vl.	4	1
Growler	double m. gun vl.	4	1

Hornet	double ed. gun. vl.	4	1
Keetle	double sq. gun. vl.	4	1
Lapping	double sq. gun. vl.	3	1
Meane	military hospital	—	—
Midge	double sq. gun. vl.	4	1
Moderate	steam corvette	14	3
Mosquito	gun-boat	—	—
Ringdove	double sq. gun. vl.	3	1
Swinger	double sq. gun. vl.	3	1
Sylvia	double sq. gun. vl.	6	4
Talia	steam corvette	4	1
Tudor	double sq. gun. vl.	4	1
Vigilant	receiving ship	14	—
	despatch vessel	2	2

Name.	Nation.	Tonnage.
	Port. of origin.	
Cancuna		
<b>SHIPPING IN THE</b>		
Vessel.	Captain.	Flag & Reg.
Aahuai	E. O. Mathews	U.S. g-b.
Bombay	C. E. Davis	Brit. sta.
Alcazar	E. M. Edwards	Brit. sta.
Orizaba		
Aida	Joseph Anais	Brit. bk.
Easthoven	R. H. H. H.	Amer. bk.
Hurist N. Carlton	G. Harkness	Gor. bk.
Misti	Riggan	Fren. bk.
Montego	J. Griffiths	Fren. bk.
Perama	Laing	Fren. bk.
Rover of the Seas	Thos. Peterson	Brit. bk.
Westbury	D. Nuttford	Brit. bk.

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	Vessels.	Captains.	Flags.
	Amoy	Drewes	British
1.	Aa-lan†	Godall	British
	Chen-jui†	Wade	British
	Che-to†	Robertson	British
	Ching-Sun†	E. Okey	British
	Chung-hoi†	Dennis	British
2.	Hochang	Petersen	Danish
	Ningpo	J. M. Reynier	Chinese
	Penz-chao-hai†	Falmer	British
	Sun-Chai†	F. Scott	British
	Tien-Po†	Longueville	British

Concordia Spark Telo	J. L. de Silva Holland F. Gabriel	For Bri F
Alexandra Annie Chesbyrle Arion Guinbler Bonko June Lizzie Marco Polo Taki-ji Truth	Walton Lawrence Kuhn Wersenberg Diedrich Ingers Jugara Peterson Byrne	Bri Ger Ger Ger Bri Ger Bri

Adelaide	Ger
Anna	Ger
Anna	Ger
Benedictor	Am
Baron Stathier	Brit
Carmarvonahiro	Brit
Constance	Brit
Constance Wilson	Brit
Feoshow	Sind
Iris	Brit
Indian Empire	Brit
Jugoslav	Ger
Varlin	Brit
Miako	Brit
Nyborg	Dan
Otto	Ger
Palma	Ger

Adeleine	Boysen	Ger
Almas	Loard	Am
Auna Dorothen	Schmitt	Ger
Annie Mabel	Ponting	Eng
Baltic	Andersen	Ger
Endymion	Rohrerdson	Eng
Farrington	Cradd	Br
Faugh Salangh	Rais	Br
Flary Grass	Bates	Br
Flensburg	Kuedt	Dan
Jerusalem	Largie	Br
Legislatur	Tuxton	Br
M. C.	Peters	Br
Rachel	Firth	Br
White Adder	Sethum	Br

Adele	Fox
Adamador	Frank
Asenon	Watt
Angusto	Beraud
Cera	Finlay
Challenge	Cotter
Clarby	Sobulis
Claster Oak	Smith
Osharins	Clausen
Endrice Adolphine	Sitnmoneau
Fire Queen	Hamilton
Francis Calderon	Johnson
Friedlander	Doustan
Genese Chanzy	Rouelle
Gouavere	Anthony
Halloween	Watt
Laughing Waves	Shaw
Leopold	Marston
Prosperity	Moller

Success	Bruin	Siam
Tunelaine	Bailey	Brit.
Willard Mudgett	Dickey	Amr.
Wyly	Browne	Brit.
Benjamin Sowell	Pennell	Amr.
Gaucha	Crighorn	Brit.
Hunts County	Coochran	Brit.
H. A. Litchfield	Spalding	Amr.
Lothair	Orehead	Brit.
Mercery	Thopas	Brit.
Nation's Hope	Livington	Brit.
Oleander	Jesse	Brit.
Ukraine	Mulcher	Amr.

Antelo	Spain.
Bunker Hill	Amer.
Charmian	Brit.
Columbin	Spain.
Delia	Spain.
Ella	Brit.
Guano Cook	Amer.
High Maiden	Brit.
Hilglander	Amer.
Isabel	France.
Nuevo Constante	Spain.
Nuevo Lautaro	Spain.
Moneta	Brit.
Rosalia	Spain.
Rondy	Spain.
Tetosa	Spain.
Trinidad	Spain.
Vicento	Spain.
Villa de Rivadavia	Spain.
Villa Franco	Amer.

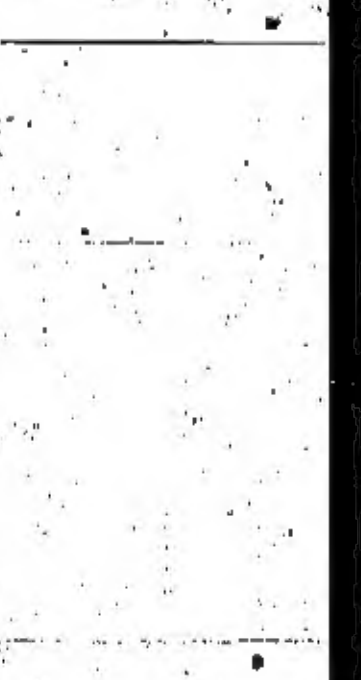
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